

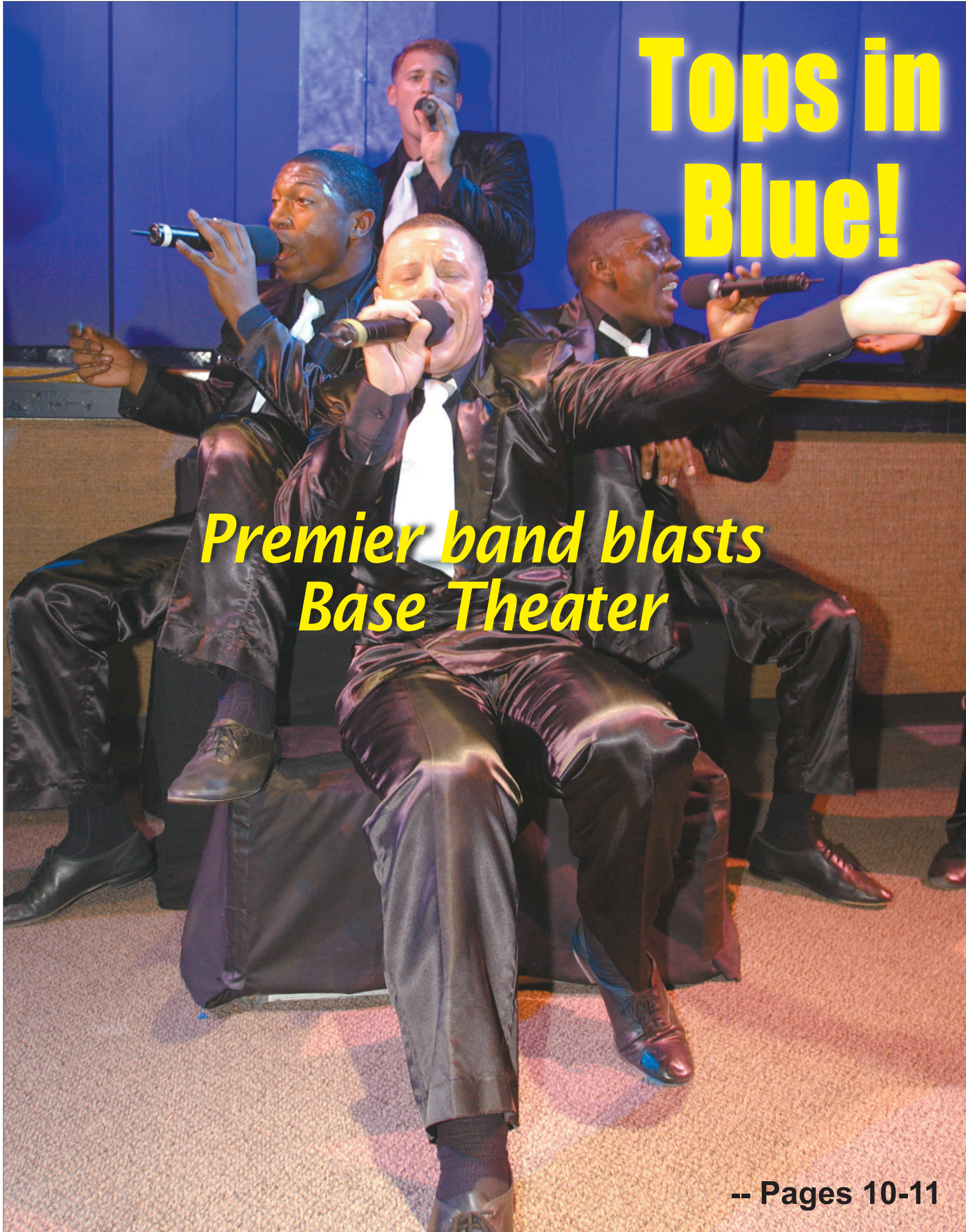
# The Sourdough

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**Tops in  
Blue!**

***Premier band blasts  
Base Theater***

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Prime Minister passes through

Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin shakes hands with Col. Joe Torres, U.S. Army Alaska command chief of staff. The prime minister stopped at Elmendorf on his way back from Asia after visiting tsunami-affected countries, such as Thailand, Sri Lanka and India, as well as Japan and China.



STAFF SGT. SUE NUCKOLLS



■ Staff Sgt. Christopher McElwee, and Airmen 1st Class Robert Brooks, Patrick Terhune and Christopher Mack, 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron, recovered a Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night that was set up for the Air Expeditionary Force operations at Gwang-Ju Air Base, Korea.

The team overcame low manning and sub-zero weather to complete a task normally performed by the 15-person shop in 36 hours.

Their actions restored test capability for F-15E aircraft navigation and targeting pods and reinforced the 3rd CMS LANTIRN section’s reputation as “Best in the Air Force.”

■ Airman 1st Class Phong Pham’s, 12th Fighter Squadron, outstanding dedication to duty was instrumental to the success of the 12th FS’s re-deployment from Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Working extended duty hours upon return from the deployment, he diligently unpacked three equipment pallets, recovered 14 F-15C/D aircraft and ensured the safe return of 9mm pistols, 780 rounds of ammunition, and life support equipment for 23 pilots.

■ This week’s commander’s shadow is Tech. Sgt. Christopher Schott, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron.

Action Line



Col. Michael Snodgrass  
3rd Wing Commander

Do you have a problem you can’t seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done?  
The commander’s action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Col. Michael Snodgrass. Your calls will get the commander’s personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.  
If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line

**552-2224**  
**actionline@elmendorf.af.mil**

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can’t help, then please call the Action Line.

**Key phone numbers:**  
Col. Christopher Thelen, 3rd CES/CC 552-3007  
Lt. Col. David Aupperle, 3rd SVS/CC 552-2468  
Lt. Col. Robert Garza, 3rd SFS/CC 552-4304

Air Force Assistance Fund campaign kicks off Feb. 14


The Air Force Assistance Fund “Commitment to Caring” campaign runs Feb. 14 to May 6.  
Program officials invite Airmen to contribute to any of the Air Force’s four official charitable organizations.  
The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired service-members, surviving spouses and families. This is the 32nd year of the fund drive, where the four charities receive 100 percent of designated contributions.  
“The need for (Air Force Aid Society) assistance remains strong,” said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society chief executive officer. “Last year, the Air Force Aid Society helped more than 30,000 Airmen with \$21.1 million in assistance — that is a lot of help.  
“Contributions are vital for the society to sustain this kind of help; it

is truly an Airmen-helping-Airmen program,” General McGinty said.  
Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper recently announced a \$5.4 million goal. Last year, Airmen gave \$6.7 million to the fund.  
People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to the following charities:  
■ The Air Force Aid Society. AFAS provides Airmen and their families worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and base-level community-enhancement programs. Information is available online at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org).  
■ The Air Force Enlisted Village. AFEV is located in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, and provides rent subsidies and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted Airmen 55 and older. More

information is available online at [www.afenlistedwidows.org](http://www.afenlistedwidows.org).  
■ The Air Force Village Indigent Widow’s Fund. Air Force Village is a life-care community in San Antonio, Texas, for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members.  
The Air Force Village Web site is [www.airforcevillages.com](http://www.airforcevillages.com).  
■ The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation. The foundation provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted Airmen. The LeMay Foundation Web site is [www.lemayfoundation.org](http://www.lemayfoundation.org).  
For more information, visit [www.afassistancefund.org](http://www.afassistancefund.org) or the Air Force Personnel Center’s Voting and Fundraising Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund).  
(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Suicide prevention

Military members and civilians are required to attend one suicide briefing each year.  
The following are a list of the upcoming briefings that will be held at the Base Theater during February and March: Feb. 7 at 3 p.m., Feb. 9 at 7:30 a.m., March 7 at 3 p.m., and March 9 at 7:30 a.m.  
Additional briefings will be scheduled throughout the year.  
For more information, call 580-1041.



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**1999, 2000 & 2001**  
**Best in PACAF**  
**1998, 1999, 2000 & 2001**

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3rd Wing Moment in History



**Jan. 25, 1923:**  
The 3rd Group (Attack) was redesignated the 3rd Attack Group while stationed at Kelly Field, Texas.



# High-tech mapping system now available

By Staff Sgt. Mike Edwards  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

“I need to stop by your office and drop off some equipment,” the voice on the other end of the telephone line tells you. “Can you tell me how to get there?”

This is a scenario that repeats itself almost on a daily basis for some of us. For those who tend to give bad directions or who are tired of not getting easy-to-understand directions, help has finally arrived.

The long days of this past summer not only brought Elmendorf sunshine and salmon, but also the Interactive Mapping Service to help individuals create and customize maps of the base. The IMS is part of the GeoBase program, which the Air Force adopted in 1999.

“GeoBase is the concept of ‘one base, one map’ for all base planning and operations,” said Ms. Christina Lett, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, GeoBase administrator. “The newest feature of this program is that IMS is now accessible through Topcover. This allows Elmendorf personnel to create their own maps through the use of interactive Web site tools.”

According to Ms. Lett, the advantage of using the new system as opposed to previous methods is time.

“Whenever someone needed to have a map created, it would normally take anywhere from one to five days to get it completed, depending on what it entailed,” she said. “With this new system, the person who needs this product can go to the website and within a few minutes, they will have a customized map for their use.”

While some may find the new system quite advantageous compared to older methods of cartography, some others may question the relevance of the program to the masses.

The uses and applicability of the program are far-reaching however, according to Ms. Lett.

“Imagine you have a distinguished visitor coming to your office or needing to take a tour of different facilities and you have been asked to help him get around,” she said. “Within a few minutes, you can customize a map to meet your specific needs and the needs of your visitors.”

Visiting dignitaries aren’t the only thing this new program is good for, Ms. Lett added. Its real purpose is to help planners and operations person-



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. PRENTICE COLTER

**Airman 1st Class Matthew Carter, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron GeoBase technician, uses the Trimble ProXRS GPS system during a survey conducted late December. This system tracks satellites to pinpoint locations of features to within a half meter for base mapping efforts.**

nel create and customize maps for training or real-world scenarios.

“If you have a briefing for some type of exercise, you can create maps of different sectors of the base and easily transfer it to a slideshow,” Ms. Lett said. “This is the way of the future.”

While the Air Force has taken the lead in developing this technology to aid everyone from generals to airmen, other branches of the service are trying to catch up.

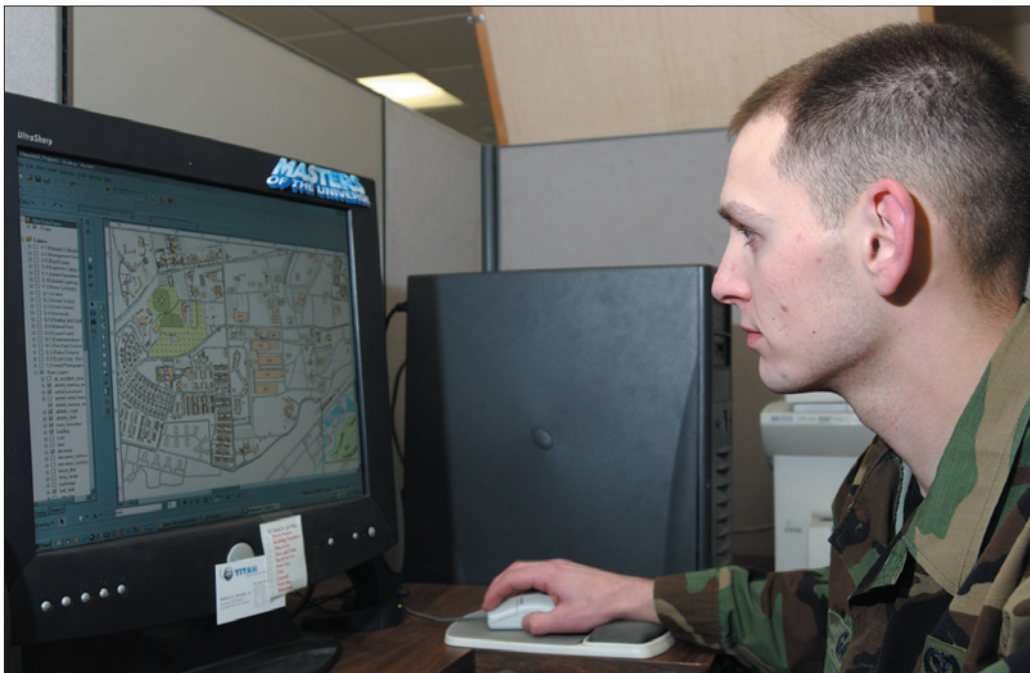
“The Army and Navy are both developing a similar program, basing their approach on what we have with the GeoBase concept,” said Ms. Lett.

“Companies in the private sector also use similar technology.”

Because of the expanding role of this new technology, classes are being offered on a monthly basis to help train all Arctic Warriors interested in using this advanced capability.

Training guides and tutorials are also available on the Web site at Topcover, base info, Elmendorf base map, or by typing <http://topcover/units/maps/eqfb-map.htm>.

For those interested in taking a class, or for more information, call 552-0479 or e-mail [geobase@elmendorf.af.mil](mailto:geobase@elmendorf.af.mil).



**Above: Airman 1st Class Todd Gaige, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron GeoBase technician, uses a Geographic Information System, which accesses the same spatial database as the Interactive Mapping Service to edit and correct features on the map, produce paper maps, and analyze layers of data.**

**Left: A1C Todd Gaige, 3rd CES, uses the Trimble 5600 Geodimeter Total Station to survey buildings and other structures for Elmendorf maps. This equipment is accurate to within one centimeter of the actual location.**



# Base career assistance advisor position evolves

**By Master Sgt. Tom Spangler**  
Team Elmendorf Career Assistance advisor

If I were to ask people to define in one word the responsibilities of their Base Career Advisor, they would probably say “Retention”... and they would be right. Air Force officials decided in 1999 to reestablish the BCA position as a piece of the solution in dealing with the declining retention rates the Air Force encountered through the mid and late 1990s.

Following Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the early 1990s, the BCA position was dissolved. Retention rates were stable, and the Air Force was implementing the Voluntary Separation Incentive/Special Separation Bonus programs to reduce overall manning. However, as the 1990s progressed the Air Force began to experience a dramatic drop in retention. The VSI/SSB programs created a leadership void in the noncommissioned officer ranks leading to dissatisfaction with supervision and the Air Force environment.

Along with a lack of experienced leadership, all personnel were beginning to clearly understand the day-to-day challenges they faced as the Air Force completely transitioned to an AEF mentality. Most were spending many months away from home each year, and the prospect of a well-paying, civilian job was appealing; because of the strength of the economy at the time, it was an option many chose.

Air Force officials realized something had to be done to stabilize manning and ensure all personnel were given every opportunity to understand and experience the best the Air Force had to offer. CORONA 99 addressed these concerns, and several initiatives were developed.

Along with bringing back the BCAs, Basic Military Training was revitalized, and more emphasis was placed on leadership, mentorship and

communication. The Air Force established a “Back to Basics” mentality.

These initiatives have worked, and retention has not only stabilized, it has also increased and remains at a very high level. The mass exodus the Air Force anticipated following the end of the STOP LOSS program has not occurred. Because of this, the Air Force has had to implement the Force Shaping Program to reduce our end strength to the level authorized by Congress.

The need for the BCA to focus almost primarily on maintaining high retention levels has subsided. While we will certainly continue to ensure personnel are aware of all the positive elements of an Air Force career, our center of attention is expanding.

The concept of retention has now changed from a “selling the Air Force” mentality to focusing on the quality of the people we do retain and ensuring each Airman is provided with the education needed to make their individual career choices as they hit specific professional milestones. The finishing touches are being put on the 3rd Wing’s initial Informed Decision Seminar.

Developed for first and second term airmen as they approach their date of separation, the seminar will deliver a thorough look at all the tangible and intangible benefits of the Air Force along with offering insight into the options available outside active duty if the choice is made to separate.

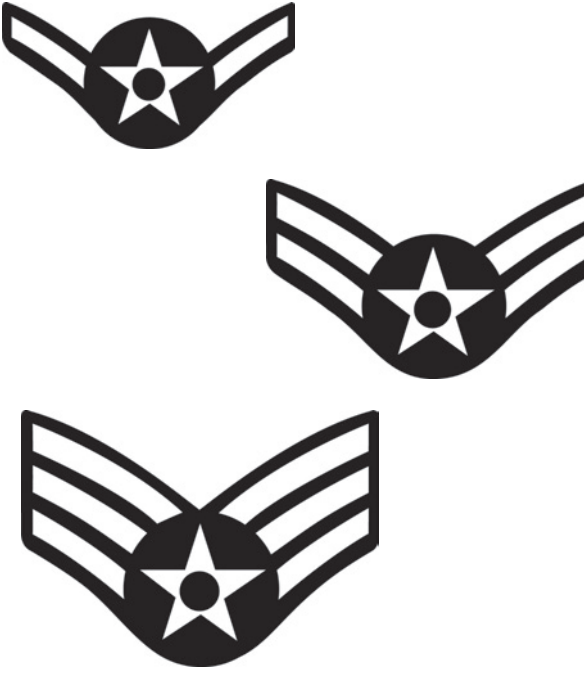
Through our NCO and Senior NCO Professional Enhancement Seminars, we will be offering a “grass roots” type of Professional Military Education. Each seminar will be a three- to four-day course offering leadership and management skills as well as lessons focusing on the information needed to get the most out of your Air Force career.

Those eligible and required to attend will be contacted through their individual units. We will also continue to work side by side with the

Military Personnel Flight and facilitate questions concerning Career Job Reservations, special duty assignments, retraining options and any other career concerns you may have.

Through our monthly newsletter, *Career Focus*, you will be provided with a “one stop” location for many links to career information and recent news articles impacting the Air Force. You can expect to see us at your individual Commander’s Calls, First Term Airmen Center seminars, professional organization meetings and any other forum we can attend to ensure you are given all the information needed and provided every opportunity earned to get the most from your Air Force career.

If you have any questions about your career options, please feel free to contact Master Sgt. Earl Spangler or Master Sgt. Daniel Chadwick, Team Elmendorf’s Career Assistance advisors, at 552-7829.







STAFF SGT. PRENTICE COLTER

## Vaccine available

Col. Michael Snodgrass, 3rd Wing commander, receives his flu vaccination Jan. 20 at the Base Hospital. He has directed that all active-duty military members obtain their vaccination by Feb. 8. The 3rd Medical Group is now offering influenza immunizations to all active-duty military members (excluding Army personnel), all people over age 50, and those who are living in households with medically high-risk individuals. The Immunizations Clinic is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday for walk-ins.

## Money matters

The following information is provided by the Finance Office to military members:

■ The Basic Allowance for Housing rate changes are now in effect. In accordance with the Private Sector Financed housing lease, rental rates have been changed to match new BAH levels. As authorized by the Special Power of Attorney for Phase II, Aurora is processing the allotment change. During January, the full difference between the new BAH rate and the old BAH rate will be taken from the end of month pay (for example, the E-5 rate changed from \$1,256 to \$1,412 — the allotment will increase by \$156 and be deducted from the end of month pay). Beginning in February, the full allotment will be split between the two pay periods each month. For questions, call the Aurora Office at 753-1023.

■ Military servicemembers who are traveling at government expense should elect to use the split-disbursement option when filing their travel vouchers. This will help alleviate the need for servicemembers to write personal checks or incur the expense of a stamp to mail in their payment. For questions, call 552-7364.





AIRMAN JONATHAN THRASHER

**Airman 1st Class Evelyn Jones-Dillon**

**Duty title:** 3rd Mission Support Squadron, evaluations clerk  
**Hometown:** Chicago, Ill.  
**Hobbies:** Working out and spending time volunteering as president of Airman’s Council  
**How she contributes to the mission:** Responsible for enlisted and of-  
ficer performance reports for the base and handling board promotions  
**Time at Elmendorf:** Almost one year  
**Best part of being in Alaska:** The mountains  
**Supervisor’s comments:** “Airman Jones-Dillon’s perseverance for  
perfection is dominant in everything she does. Her outstanding con-  
tributions in the everyday work environment create the success of the  
evaluation section.” Tech. Sgt. William McClure



AIRMAN DE-JUAN HALEY

**Airman 1st Class Brandon Meyers**

**Duty title:** 11th Operational Weather Squadron, forecaster apprentice  
**Hometown:** Lubbock, Texas  
**Hobbies:** Playing guitar, any outdoor activity and preparing for his first  
child’s arrival  
**How he contributes to the mission:** Responsible for forecasting  
weather and providing weather warnings for all main Air Force bases  
and Army posts in Alaska  
**Time at Elmendorf:** Almost one year  
**Best part of being in Alaska:** It’s a chance to experience one of the  
most incredible places in the world  
**Supervisor’s comments:** “Airman Meyers is a remarkable first-term  
Airman. He consistently exhibits the maturity, professionalism, techni-  
cal know-how, and confidence that’s needed in today’s Air Force.” Tech.  
Sgt. Edward Jackowski



## Tax Center opens

The Wing Tax Center is open through Feb. 4 for 1040 EZ filers only. Beginning Feb. 7, the center will be open for all clients by appointments and walk-ins.

The center’s hours of operation are: Mondays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for appointments only; Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for appointments only, and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. for walk-ins; Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for appointments only; and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon for walk-ins.

Be sure to bring the following: W-2s for all employment income; Form 1099Rs (for retirees); name, address and SSN of your childcare provider/business tax ID (for those with childcare expenses); Form 8332s (for those claiming a child that lives with a different parent); Form 2848s or IRS power of attorney, if necessary; military ID; SSN card (especially for youth or a copy of last year’s return/PFD 1099); and bank information. For questions, e-mail Staff Sgt. Karie Mixon.

## Annual Awards

The 2004 Team Elmendorf Annual Awards Banquet is Feb. 4 at the Susitna Club at 6 p.m. to honor the Airman, NCO, Senior NCO, CGO, First Sergeant and Civilian of the Year selected from base units. The winners are the wing’s nominees to the 11th Air Force for the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year competition. The theme for this year’s event is “Arctic Warriors ... Home and Abroad.” Dress for the banquet will be semi-formal/mess

dress for enlisted and mess dress for officers.

Tickets for club members are \$23 for london broil/chicken breast or \$19 for vegetarian lasagna. Non-members are \$26 and \$22, respectively. Pay by cash/check; no club cards. See your first sergeant for further details.

## 11th AF Banquet

The 11th Air Force Annual Awards Banquet is Feb. 18 at the Susitna Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony at 8 p.m. Attire is semi-formal for military and coat and tie for civilians. Cost is \$15 for Airmen club members and \$18 for non-members; \$18 for noncommissioned officer club members and \$21 for non-members; and \$21 for Senior NCO and officer members and \$24 for non-members. See your first sergeant for tickets.

## Veteran’s Job Fair

A Veteran’s Job Fair is Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Anchorage Job Center at 1251 Muldoon Rd. Veterans can meet federal contractors at the fair. Be sure to bring your resume. For more information, call 269-0071.

## Loaner furniture

The Furnishing Management Section of the Housing Office has 90-day furniture loaner kits and long-term loaner appliances. People who have just arrived/have orders to depart base can borrow furnishings while household goods are being shipped. Long-term loaner appliances are available for off-base housing to anyone as-

signed here. Those interested can stop by the Housing Office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with their address and orders. For more information, call 552-2599/4439.

## Child Care Homes

The base Child Development Program is lacking space to accommodate the present need for child care. The average wait on the “waiting list” is about 6 months to a year. The highest demand for care is for children age 2 and younger. However, there are about 50 Family Child Care homes to help with Elmendorf’s child care needs. Parents pay the same fees as they would to a CDC. When care is not available at CDCs or homes, referrals are made to homes in Anchorage and to Fort Richardson’s child care programs. For more information, call 552-8304.

## Wayland Baptist

Wayland Baptist University is offering master’s, bachelor’s and associate degrees and all classes needed for a Community College of the Air Force degree. Registration starts Monday and the term begins Feb. 21. For more information, call 753-6416.

## Quit smoking

People suffering from post-New Year’s resolution blues to quit smoking can get help at the Health and Wellness Center at Smoking Cessation classes Feb. 15 and 22, and March 1,8, and 15 for one hour each at 11 a.m. or 5 p.m. Attendees will gain knowledge and medications that can result in a smoke-free life. To sign up, call 552-2361.



## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic Parish

- **Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
- **Thursday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
- **Sunday Mass:** 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Sunday Evening Mass:** 5 p.m. at Chapel 2
- **Confession:** 6 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2

### Protestant Sunday

- **Liturgical Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- **Celebration Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Gospel Service:** noon at Chapel 1
- **Fellowship Praise:** 6 p.m. at Chapel 1

### Religious Education

- **Catholic Religious Education:** Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
  - **Protestant Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
- For more information, call the Chapel at 552-4422.



# Arctic Life

Great living in the great land



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS GARRETT HOTHAN

## Education Fair

Above: Mrs. Amie Bowles, spouse of Senior Airman William Bowles, 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, gets program details from Mr. John Jones, director of operations at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, during an Education Fair in the Education Center auditorium recently. The event brought school representatives together with those looking to discuss the Troops to Teachers program, financial aide, spouse/military tuition assistance and more.

Left: Mr. Lenell White, Elmendorf's training manager, explains the benefits of the Spouse Tuition Assistance program to Mrs. Tracy Blake, 3rd Contracting Squadron, who is working to finish her master's degree.

## WG/CC outlines club membership policy

### Compiled from staff reports

In a memorandum sent to base personnel recently, the 3rd Wing commander, Col. Michael Snodgrass, outlined the Club Membership Policy for increased understanding among troops.

"With three separate facilities, understanding the admission rules can be daunting," said Colonel Snodgrass. "I have established the following rules to simplify the process."

The following is a list of general rules as a reminder to base personnel:

- Civilian appropriated and non-appropriated funded employees are encouraged to become club members. Civilian officer equivalent grades include GS-9, NS-8, NL-6, NA-12, WS-8, WL-6, WG-12, and NF-III and above. Enlisted member equivalent

grades are all other grades.

- The club system encompasses the Susitna Club, Kashim Club, and Six Mile Chalet. The Susitna Club is the main dining facility, offering lunch, evening dining and Sunday brunch, and is open to all ranks. The Kashim Club and Six Mile Chalet host special functions that may include meals. These special functions vary in scope from small invitation-only parties to large general admission gatherings. The bar in the basement of the Susitna Club is called The Cave and is for officers (and civilian equivalents) Friday afternoons/evenings only. However, the upstairs lounge in the Susitna Club is for all ranks for special functions.

The bar in the Kashim Club is enlisted (and civilian equivalent) only.

Exceptions are made for special events such as "Boss and Buddy" night, held in the Kashim Club lounge.

"I encourage all of you to join the club and enjoy the benefits and traditions it has to offer," said Colonel Snodgrass.

Elmendorf club functions and specials can be found by Web site [www.elmendorfservices.com](http://www.elmendorfservices.com), as well as on the Weekender Page published in the *Sourdough Sentinel*.

"Regardless of which club we're



TECH. SGT. SHARON BALTAZAR

**A Kashim Club staff member checks in an Arctic Warrior who was visiting the facility recently.**

referring to, the club staff here is always working to support the base in the best possible way," said Ms. Shyrel Mason, Elmendorf club manager.

For questions or to schedule a function at one of the clubs, call 552-2345.



Col. David G. Jowers, inspector general

## Unit Spotlight

### 3rd Wing Inspector General

#### MISSION:

The roles of the Inspector General is to be the "eyes and ears" of the commander and keep the commander informed of potential areas of concern as reflected by trends. The 3rd WG/IG functions as the ombudsman, fact-finder, and honest broker in the resolution of complaints. In addition, the IG helps commanders prevent, detect, and correct fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement.







Above: Staff Sgt. Jamie Montgomery belts out a tune. The music by the Tops in Blue performers was from a variety of genres, including remixes of American hit songs of past and present day. Right: Staff Sgt. Kristina Robinson takes the show off-stage, while one Arctic Warrior dances on.



Above: Members of Tops in Blue, the Air Force's premier entertainment group, enter the Base Theater stage during one of two free shows they performed at the Base Theater Jan. 19 and 20. These Air Force men and women performed for 90 minutes, which consisted of live music, dance and comedy for all Arctic Warriors and their families. On the cover: The Tops in Blue cast perform a music and dance routine.



Above: Master Sgt. Norman Laird plays the bass guitar. This year's performance theme, known as "Musicology," celebrated a mixture of American music through a creative use of technology, instruments and vocalization. Right: Airman 1st Class David Weaver and 1st Lt. Carlos Jayme, play the fiddle.



## Lights .. camera .. action!

By Senior Airman Amy Morrisette  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

As many of Elmendorf's newcomers will probably learn soon about being in a remote area like Alaska, it can be very difficult to find good live entertainment here.

But the distance factor wasn't enough to stop the Air Force's premier entertainment group, Tops in Blue, from packing their bags and heading to the Great Land.

For two consecutive nights Jan. 19 and 20, the Tops in Blue crew visited Elmendorf and provided free entertainment for Arctic Warriors and their families.

The theme of this year's traveling show is called "Musicology."

Tech. Sgt. Sharon Baltazar, who regularly attends their performances as an Air Force photographer, said this show topped them all. "This was the best Tops in Blue performance that I've seen," she said.

The action-packed performance lit up the Base Theater and included singing, comedy and dancing for everyone.

The music consisted of a variety of American popular artists, spanning across every music genre, such as hip-hop, country, and pop, including catchy remakes of songs by Madonna, Martina McBride and many more.

In conjunction, the stage beamed with colorful lighting shows and choreographed dance routines, using state-of-the art technology.

There was so much variety to see and hear that it appeared even the world's biggest critic could probably find something enjoyable about the show.

On top of it all, audience members were entered into drawings that qualified them for an array of prizes.

When the curtain closed, Tops in Blue was well-applauded by approximately 400 Arctic Warriors who attended each night.

The show is now on their way to Virginia to spread more good, free, live entertainment.

By the end of their busy tour, Tops in Blue will have performed more than 150 shows at more than 130 locations, including various deployed locations in Iraq.







AFSOC in depth

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. Territory
- 5. Craving
- 9. Golf score
- 12. Scent
- 13. Balm
- 15. Shoot!
- 16. Arroyo
- 17. Stop
- 18. Above
- 19. AFSOC special forces operator
- 22. Temperature reading
- 25. Chuckled
- 28. \_\_\_\_ Lanka
- 29. Confederate general
- 30. Pie \_\_\_\_ mode
- 31. Saudi Arabia denizen
- 33. Augers
- 34. Election year slinging?
- 36. Federal intelligence org.

- 38. Noah’s craft
- 40. Type of admiral
- 42. Captures
- 45. AFSOC base
- 48. Big London clock
- 49. Foreign headdress
- 50. Rep. and Dem. opponent
- 51. Lyrical poem
- 53. Museum piece
- 55. Abate
- 57. Steak order
- 59. Child
- 62. Kindergarten learning tools
- 64. Tree types
- 65. Shred
- 66. Sandwich type
- 67. Exam
- 68. Motorized bike
- 69. *Three’s Company* actor Knotts

DOWN

- 1. AFSOC airlift; MH-53J Pave \_\_\_\_
- 2. Oklahoma town
- 3. Head movement
- 4. Trickles
- 5. Pile up
- 6. Wrinkle
- 7. Listen
- 8. Painting props
- 9. AFSOC airlift; MH-60 \_\_\_\_
- 10. To be?
- 11. Mil. rest period
- 14. Arizona town
- 15. Jim Jenkins cartoon
- 20. Hurt
- 21. Canine
- 22. AFSOC mission
- 23. Mistake

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Last week’s solution

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- 24. *Rob Roy* actor Neeson
- 26. Building extension]
- 27. Sprint
- 32. Famous dueler
- 33. Bottom
- 35. Pottery type
- 36. Former Brazilian currency
- 37. Remedy
- 38. Tolerate
- 39. Article
- 41. Honest prez
- 43. Mil. radio/tv network
- 44. Compute
- 46. Divests of weapons
- 47. Tossed
- 48. Headgear for AFSOC operators
- 52. Salt type
- 54. Relax
- 56. Scrooge saying
- 58. Pub order
- 59. Movie studio
- 60. Quick sleep
- 61. Sea near 31 ACROSS
- 63. \_\_\_\_-Magnon



# Sports News



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## Polar brrrr...

Above: Master Sgt. Jeffrey Manley, Band of the Pacific, walks up the dock at the marina after participating in the 22nd Annual Polar Bear Jump Off in Seward, Alaska. Sergeant Manly found this year's plunge into the icy waters of Resurrection Bay a little more tolerable than when he jumped last year with the outside temperature at 27 degrees below zero. This year was a balmy 40 degrees.

Left: Three members of the the Band of the Pacific, Tech. Sgt. Sam Cliff, Master Sgt. Jeffrey Manley and Tech. Sgt. Jay Nordeen, jump into the icy waters of Resurrection Bay in Seward, Alaska while participating in the 22nd Annual Polar Bear Jump Off. A total of six members of the band made the jump while dressed in various Viking costumes and playing toy horns.

## Sports Shorts

### Fitness Center classes

The following classes are offered by the Base Fitness Center:

- Learn a hip-hop routine step by step and put it together for one great workout at a Hip Hop Workshop Feb. 8 and 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center.

- Celebrate your relationship this Valentine's Day with Couples Yoga Feb. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Each duo will participate in a class

specifically for couples and receive a special gift. For more information, call 552-5353.

### Swim lessons

Registration for the February swimming session is under way at the Fitness Center for \$40.

The classes begin the first week in February and are as follows: beginner on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00-5:30 p.m; advanced beginner on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and beginner on

Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon.

### Fit Pregnancy class

Exercising during pregnancy is good for mom and baby. Learn how to workout safely at a Fit Pregnancy class Feb. 22 and March 29 at 10 a.m. at the Health and Wellness Center.

The classes are open to everyone and mandatory for all pregnant active-duty members.

For more information, call 552-9959.